NET PROTOCOL

1. Purpose. This attachment provides the current protocol for use by NCS / ANCS for the principal California Wing directed net. Adaptation, as appropriate, for VHF net, as well as Group and Squadron nets, is encouraged in the interests of standardization and training. Note: that a protocol is a formal procedure and is to be used verbatim by all NCS/ANCS's. For the term Protocol, the Random House College Dictionary offers the following definition:

> Pro-to-col, n. 1. the customs and regulations dealing with diplomatic formality, precedence, and etiquette. 2. and original draft, minute or record from which a document, esp. a treaty, is prepared. 3. a supplementary international agreement. 4. also called a protocol statement, protocol sentence, protocol proposition. PHILOS: a statement reporting an observation or experience in the most fundamental terms without interpretation: ...

In other words, it is to be used precisely as written.

2. Roll Call. The Net Control Station (NCS) will open the net using the complete tactical call sign. The following example should be used for conducting the net.

Example: "THIS IS YOSEMITE 11 (Insert your own callsign. For the examples being shown, YOSEMITE 11 will be the *NCS),* NET CONTROL STATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA WING NET. THIS IS A CIVIL AIR PATROL NET, OPERATING ON THE FREQUENCY OF 4585 KILOHERTZ, UPPER SIDEBAND. IS THERE ANY REDCAP OR PRIORITY TRAFFIC? OVER" (If anyone responds with REDCAP or Priority traffic, see if it can be passed at this time.) "ALL STATIONS WHEN CHECKING IN, LIST YOUR TRAFFIC, ROLL CALL FOLLOWS. ATTENTION, ALL STATIONS CALIFORNIA WING. THIS IS YOSEMITE 11. ALL STATIONS REPORT AS CALLED AND SIGNIFY THE NATURE OF YOUR TRAFFIC AND UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT."

The NCS then calls the stations/groups listed on the roll call sheet. The groups are called in numerical sequence.

Example: "GROUP 1, THIS IS YOSEMITE 11, OVER."

Yosemite 101, who is a Group 1 station, replies, "THIS IS YOSEMITE 101, *NO* TRAFFIC, OVER."

Yosemite 11 acknowledges, "YOSEMITE 101 WITH NO TRAFFIC, OUT, OTHER STATIONS GROUP 1, OVER."

Yosemite 199, who is also a Group 1 station and is holding a ROUTINE piece of traffic, replies, "THIS IS Yosemite 199, ONE ROUTINE FOR ALL CADETS, OVER."

Yosemite 11 acknowledges, "YOSEMITE 199, WITH ONE ROUTINE FOR ALL CADETS, OUT, OTHER STATIONS GROUP 1, OVER."

Yosemite 11, hearing no other Group 1 stations responding, replies, "NOTHING HEARD, OUT, GROUP 2, OVER."

Continue in this manner until all stations have been acknowledged.

3. Closing Protocol. The closing protocol varies depending on whether or not there are informal messages to be handled by NCS / ANCS before the frequency is released. For example:

a) If there are no informals, the closing protocol is simply "THIS IS YOSEMITE 11 (insert your own callsign), NET CONTROL STATION OF THE CALIFORNIA WING NET, CIVIL AIR PATROL, CLOSING ITS NET AT (insert ZULU time), OUT."

b) If there are informals, the closing protocol is modified as follows: "THIS YOSEMITE 11 (insert your own callsign), NET CONTROL STATION OF THE CALIFORNIA WING NET, CIVIL AIR PATROL, CLOSING ITS NET AT (insert ZULU time). THE FREQUENCY WILL BE RELEASED FOLLOWING THE INFORMALS, OUT."

The NCS / ANCS then calls for the informals, in the, order they were requested. Following completion of the last informal, the NCS / ANCS releases the frequency with the following statement: "ALL STATIONS, THIS IS YOSEMITE 11(insert your own callsign), RELEASING THE FREQUENCY FOR GENERAL USE, OUT."

4.   **NET SCHEDULES**

    a)   **Frequency 4585.0 kHz (SSB)**

Zulu	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
0200 - 0230						Cadet	Chaplain
0400 - 0500		CAWG	CAWG	CAWG	CAWG	CAWG	
0500 - 0530		PACR	PACR	PACR	PACR	PACR	
1630 - 1730		CAWG	CAWG	CAWG	CAWG	CAWG	

    b)   **Frequency 143.750/148.150 mHz (FM) Santiago Peak / Mt. Diablo**

Zulu	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
0300-0330		CAWG		CAWG		CAWG	

5.   **Daylight Savings Time.**   Net times listed for all schedules will be changed one hour earlier during periods when daylight savings time is in effect.

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